

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A drive device for providing access to a record carrier, said drive device comprising access means for providing at least one of a read access and a write access to at least one predetermined parameter written on a predetermined navigation area on said record carrier, said at least one predetermined parameter specifying at least one of a logical format and an application format used on said record carrier, wherein said access means is arranged to write to said navigation area a location information of data accessed at a rate higher than an access pattern information for sequential data retrieval, wherein the record carrier is partitioned into at least a first partition for including first content of a first type and second partition for including second content of a second type so that a first

access device accesses the first content and a second access device accesses the second content, the first type being different from the second type, and wherein space is dynamically moved between the first partition and the second partition.

2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one predetermined parameter comprises a disc descriptor information for specifying at least one of an identification of said record carrier, a type of said record carrier, and parameters applying to said record carrier as a whole.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one predetermined parameter comprises a partition descriptor information for specifying at least one of a nature of each partition on said record carrier, a type of each partition on said record carrier, a space associated with each partition on said record carrier, a fragment allocation to each partition on said record carrier, and specific rules for recording on each partition on said record carrier.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is configured to provide at least one of a read access and a write access to an application use area provided in said navigation area for storing an application specific information available to at least one of a physical layer, a logical layer and an application layer of said drive device.

5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one parameter of said navigation area is accessible by at least one of a logical layer and an application layer of said drive device by using a predetermined access command.

6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to provide a caching function for caching at least a part of the information provided on said navigation area.

7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to use pointers stored in said navigation area for partitioning said record carrier into

separate areas.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to use said navigation area for determining the location of a starting address number in the logical address space for said record carrier as a whole or for a specific application.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to use said navigation area for reserving space in a program area of said record carrier for specific file systems, allocation classes or applications.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein said access means is arranged to use said navigation area for assigning properties or attributes to said reserved space.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein said access means is arranged to use said navigation area for providing pointers into said reserved space and room for

application specific data.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to use pointers stored in said navigation area for applying a seeking function.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to use said navigation area for selecting an application class for an application.

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15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to use a dynamic partitioning for defining areas in said navigation area.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to apply a volume-based rights management to sessions of an information area of said record carrier.

17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said access means is arranged to apply a volume-based, partition-based or fragment-based defect management to sessions of an information area of said record carrier.

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said drive device is a removable drive device for an optical disc.

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said drive device comprises a standard interface for storage devices.

20. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 19, wherein said standard interface is a PCMCIA, Compact Flash, Newcard, or MMCA interface.

21. (Currently Amended) A record carrier for storing data on an information area thereof, wherein said information area

comprises a navigation area for storing at least one predetermined parameter specifying at least one of a logical format and an application format used on said record carrier, wherein said navigation area is accessible at a rate higher than an access pattern information for sequential data retrieval, wherein the record carrier is partitioned into at least a first partition for including first content of a first type and second partition for including second content of a second type so that a first access device accesses the first content and a second access device accesses the second content, the first type being different from the second type, and wherein space is dynamically moved between the first partition and the second partition.

22. (Previously Presented) The record carrier according to claim 21, wherein said navigation area is arranged in a lead in area of said information area.

23. (Previously Presented) The record carrier according to claim 21, wherein sessions provided in said information area are written without separate lead-in and lead-out area.

24. (Previously Presented) The record carrier according to claim 21, wherein sessions provided in said information area have a granularity of one fragment.

25. (Previously Presented) The record carrier according to claim 21, wherein sessions provided in said information area have at least one of a varying size and a varying physical location.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of reading from or writing to a record carrier, said method comprising the acts of:

providing on said record carrier a predetermined navigation area;

writing on said navigation area at least one predetermined parameter specifying at least one of a logical format and an application format used on said record carrier, including writing to said navigation area a location information of data accessed at a rate higher than an access pattern information for sequential data retrieval; and

using said at least one predetermined parameter for at least



one of a read access and a write access to said record carrier;

~~wherein writing is performed at a rate higher than an access pattern information for sequential data retrieval~~ the record carrier is partitioned into at least a first partition for including first content of a first type and second partition for including second content of a second type so that a first access device accesses the first content and a second access device accesses the second content, the first type being different from the second type, and wherein space is dynamically moved between the first partition and the second partition.

27. (Previously Presented) The drive device of claim 1, wherein said at least one predetermined parameter further specifies an allocation history of volatile files and, based on the history, said access means being further configured to re-allocate volatile files if written as many times as half an expected recyclability of the record carrier.

28. (Previously Presented) The drive device of claim 1, wherein said access means is further configured to present an application

with the predetermined navigation area for writing desired data in the predetermined navigation area for allowing the drive device to recognize a file on the record carrier without understanding content of the file.

29. (Previously Presented) The record carrier of claim 21, wherein said at least one predetermined parameter further specifies an allocation history of volatile files.

30. (Previously Presented) The record carrier of claim 21, said at least one predetermined parameter allows a device to recognize a file on the record carrier without understanding content of the file.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said at least one predetermined parameter further specifies an allocation history of volatile files, and the method further comprising the act of re-allocating volatile files if written as many times as half an expected recyclability of the record carrier as determined from the history.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the act of presenting an application with the predetermined navigation area for writing desired data in the predetermined navigation area for allowing a device to recognize a file on the record carrier without understanding content of the file.